

2017-2018 Imperial County Non-Agricultural Permit Requirements

Records That Permittee Must Maintain

- Permit and maps for all locations, copies of notices of intent (NOI) and recommendations (keep two years)
- An accident response plan at the worksite. The plan shall provide instructions to protect employees during situations such as spills, fires, and leaks.
- Pesticide use reports for all pesticides applied for 2 years (must include location, commodity, pesticides, and rate per unit treated).
- Pesticide Safety information series N-8 (Hazard Communication for Pesticide Handlers) completed and posted.
- Pesticide safety information N-series for any pesticides used by employees.
- Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for any pesticides applied.
- Training program and records for all pesticide handlers (2 years).

Records That Permittees Must Submit

- Notice of intent & recommendation **at least 24 hours prior to beginning applications.**
- Pesticide use reports for the application of any pesticide by the tenth of the month following the month of application.

Medical Care Requirements

- Plan in advance for emergency medical care for all employees using pesticides and post this information at the work site.
- Immediately take any person exposed to a pesticide to a physician.
- Comply with treatment duration and aeration intervals found on the pesticide label or in supplemental instructions provided with the pesticide and on the job permit.

Personal Protective Equipment, Clothing, and Safety Equipment Requirements

- PPE must be provided and maintained by the employer. PPE cannot be taken home by employees.
- Eye protection & rubber, cloth or leather gloves: required for all applications and for the removal of spent dust. See pesticide label for specific and or additional requirements.
- Whenever protective eyewear is required, and the label does not identify a specific type, one of the following must be worn: 1. Safety glasses that provide front, brow, and temple protection, 2. Goggles, 3. Face shield, 4. A respirator with a full-face mask approved by NIOSH.
- Gloves - 3CCR section 6738.3 specifies various categories of glove materials. If the label specifies a category, the gloves must correspond to the proper material. All gloves must be 14 mils or thicker except barrier laminate and polyethylene materials.
- The appropriate respirator or a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), if required by the label, is to be worn or immediately available at the application site as required by the application type and label requirements.

Some of the Application Requirements

- Most fumigants require a specific job permit for use, and Fumigant Management Plan (FMP) filled out prior to each application, each permit year, including a specific map noting the application site, buffer zones, sensitive areas, posting, etc.
- **The first fumigant use each permit year requires one week advance notice to our office with NOI/recommendation.** Additionally, the FMP map and FMP plan must be submitted in advance of the scheduled application. Subsequent applications of the same fumigant require a 72 hour NOI/recommendation with a detailed FMP map, but do not require the FMP to be re-submitted to our office.
- Post the cargo container or railcar with the signs and copy of FMP plan required by the label.
- Signs must include date and time of application.
- At least two persons must be present during the application of aluminum phosphide.
- **It is required that a certified applicator be physically present at all applications.**
- Each label has recommendations for length of fumigation based upon temperature and humidity, they should be

followed.

- Each label has minimum aeration times, **usually 72 hours**. The aeration times must be followed unless the content of each container is analyzed for residues of 0.1 ppm or less by accepted analytical methods or as directed by the pesticide label.
- Spent residue and/or bags containing residue should be removed from the container and handled by either wet or dry deactivation methods or per the label requirements.
- Comply with warning and posting requirements.
- Posting must be removed from trailers or cargo containers and aeration completed prior to their being returned to the road per label requirements.

Training Requirements (Updated Annually and Retained for 3 Years)

- Employees must be trained before working with any pesticides and annually.
- Training records must be kept for each employee.
- Employees shall be trained in accident management procedures based on the **accident response plan**.
- Written respirator training program.
- Written training program for use of any pesticide.
- Written training program must specifically address:
 - immediate and long term hazards involved
 - safety procedures to be followed; engineering controls, clothing and protective equipment to be used
 - if a respirator is required, respirator training including; selection, medical evaluation, fit testing, maintenance, sanitation, and a completed employee statement of medical condition must be obtained
 - procedures for handling non-routine tasks or emergencies, ways poisoning can occur, importance of immediate decontamination, common symptoms of pesticide poisoning, where to obtain emergency medical treatment
 - applicable laws, regulations, SDS, PSIS, and label requirements
 - employee's right to information & protection against discharge
 - location of written Hazard Communication Program, N-8
- Completed and posted Safety Series N-8 (Hazard Communication)
- Heat-related illness training including prevention, recognition, and first aid must be in accordance with CCR Title 8 section 3395.

Other Worker Safety Requirements

- Whenever an employee is using category I or II pesticides, soap and water must be available for washing at the work site.
- Some labels require that a "Certified Applicator be physically present." These materials may be applied by a qualified applicator certificate (QAC) or license (QAL) holder.

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I have received a copy of these requirements and understand that the California Food and Agricultural Code establishes that violations of pesticide use and worker safety requirements are subject to civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation.